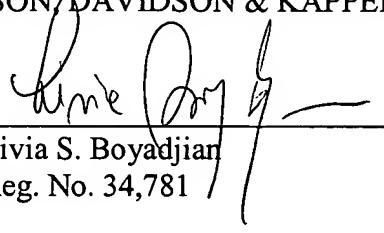


Claims 1-16 and 18-30 are currently pending. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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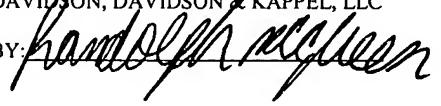
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12. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising, as an active ingredient, a prodrug of the general formula I according to [any one of claims 1 to 11] claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12 [or claim 13], which is suitable for oral, ocular, nasal, parenteral, topical or rectal administration.

15. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12 [or claim 13], which is suitable for oral administration, intravenous administration or topical administration.

16. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12 [or claim 13], in the form of solutions, suspensions, capsules, tablets, aerosols, gels, ointments or suppositories.

Please add claim 30 as follows:

30. A method of manufacturing a medicament which comprises combining a prodrug of the general formula I according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.